

Amendments to the Claims:

1-51. (Cancelled)

52. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling reproduction of an audiovisual work comprising ~~the acts of~~:
 receiving rating input;
 reviewing an audiovisual work on a first storage medium to determine if the first storage medium includes a rated version of the audiovisual work which bears a predetermined relationship to the rating input; and
 if the first storage medium includes the rated version, playing the first version; or
 if the first storage medium does not include the rated version:
 accessing a database stored on a second storage medium, the database containing information identifying at least a portion of a scene of ~~said the~~ work having an assigned content ratings level which bears a predetermined relationship to the rating input; and
 reproducing scenes of ~~said the~~ work in accordance with ~~said the~~ at least a portion of a scene which are identified in ~~said the~~ database.
53. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 52, wherein ~~said the~~ act of accessing includes reading ~~said the~~ database from the second storage medium.
54. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 52, wherein ~~said the~~ second storage medium comprises a storage medium of a server and the act of accessing comprises establishing a connection to the server and downloading ~~said the~~ database into a controller which controls reproduction of ~~said the~~ work, ~~said the~~ controller using the information in ~~said the~~ database to control reproduction of ~~said the~~ work.
55. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 52, wherein ~~said the~~ act of accessing includes establishing a connection to an Internet server, whereby ~~said the~~ connection is an Internet connection.

56. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 52, wherein ~~said the~~ act of accessing includes establishing a dial-up connection.
57. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 52, wherein ~~said the~~ act of accessing includes accessing a database containing data indicating which scenes of ~~said the work~~ are to be reproduced.
58. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 52, wherein ~~said the~~ act of accessing includes accessing a database containing data indicating which scenes of ~~said the work~~ are not to be reproduced.
59. (Previously Added) A method as in claim 52, wherein receiving the rating input comprises receiving a screener's content ratings level.
60. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 59, wherein ~~said the~~ act of accessing includes accessing a database containing information identifying those scenes having a content ratings level which is less than or equal to ~~said the~~ screener's content ratings level.
61. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 59, wherein ~~said the~~ act of accessing includes accessing a database containing information those scenes having a content ratings level which is greater than ~~said the~~ screener's content ratings level.
62. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 52, wherein receiving the rating input comprises receiving a content ratings level from a screener.

63. (New) A method of controlling reproduction of an audiovisual work on a playback apparatus including a controller, comprising:
 providing to the playback apparatus an audiovisual work prerecorded by a source on a first storage medium;
 establishing a connection to a server containing a database that is stored on a server storage medium that is different from the first storage medium, the database containing information identifying at least a portion of a scene of the

work having a content ratings level assigned by a screener who is a party other than the source;

downloading the database into the controller of the playback apparatus; and reproducing scenes of the work with playback apparatus, the controller using the information in the database to control reproduction of the work.

64. (New) A method as in claim 63, wherein the server is an Internet server and the act of establishing a connection comprises establishing an Internet connection.
65. (New) A method as in claim 63, wherein the act of downloading the database comprises downloading a database containing information identifying those scenes having a content ratings level which is less than or equal to a playback content ratings level.
66. (New) A method as in claim 63, wherein the act of downloading the database comprises downloading a database containing information those scenes having a content ratings level which is greater than a playback content ratings level.
67. (New) A method as in claim 63, wherein the act of downloading the database comprises downloading a database containing data indicating which scenes of the work are to be reproduced.
68. (New) A method as in claim 63, wherein the act of downloading the database comprises downloading a database containing data indicating which scenes of the work are not to be reproduced.
69. (New) A method as in claim 63, further comprising receiving a playback content ratings level input by a viewer.
70. (New) A method as in claim 69, wherein the act of downloading the database comprises downloading a database containing information identifying those scenes having a content ratings level which is less than or equal to the playback content ratings level.

71. (New) A method as in claim 69, wherein the act of downloading the database comprises downloading a database containing information those scenes having a content ratings level which is greater than the playback content ratings level.
72. (New) A method as in claim 69, wherein the viewer is the screener.
73. (New) An apparatus for controlling reproduction of an audiovisual work, the apparatus comprising:
 an audiovisual reproduction unit adapted to read from a prerecorded audiovisual medium an audiovisual work prerecorded by a source on the prerecorded audiovisual medium;
 a ratings input adapted to receive a playback content ratings level input by a viewer;
 a connection to a server storage medium that is separate from the prerecorded audiovisual medium, the server storage medium including a database containing information identifying portions of the audiovisual work which have an assigned content ratings level which bears a predetermined relationship to the playback content ratings level;
 and a controller coupled to the audiovisual reproduction unit, the viewer input, and the connection to the server, the controller being programmed to control the audiovisual reproduction unit to reproduce only the portions of the audiovisual work which have an assigned content ratings level which bears the predetermined relationship to the playback content ratings level.
74. (New) The apparatus of claim 73 wherein controller is further programmed to receive the assigned content ratings level from the ratings input and store the assigned content ratings level in the database via the connection to the server storage medium.
75. (New) The apparatus of claim 73 wherein the server storage medium is on an Internet server and the connection to the server storage medium comprises an Internet connection.

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76. (New) An apparatus as in claim 73, wherein the database contains ratings level information for all scenes of the work.
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